

WE CLAIM:

1. A music sheet storage, retrieval, and display system comprising:
a storage configured to store sheet music in electronic form;
a display device configured to display images representing the stored sheet music under varying lighting conditions; and
a page turner switch connectable to a page turner with a foot control configured to permit a user to page through the images.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for retrieving the stored sheet music and displaying the stored sheet music as at least one image on the display device.
3. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a display control configured to selectively adjust a level of lighting in the display device.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the display control includes one or more positions reflecting predetermined lighting levels.
5. A method for storing, retrieving and displaying sheet music, comprising:
accessing a Web server to select an item of sheet music stored in electronic form;
providing a payment identifier of a user;

downloading a file containing the selected item into a storage of a portable page turning device configured to display images representing the stored sheet music under varying lighting conditions and in response to signals from a page turner with a foot control configured to permit a user to scroll through the images; and

charging a payment for the selected item from an account corresponding to the payment identifier.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the Web server is accessed by a intermediate computer and the step of downloading comprises:

downloading the file from the intermediate computer to the portable page turner device.

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
creating an index associated with the selected item; and
directly accessing a portion of the selected item based on the index.

8. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
creating a notation associated with a portion of the selected item;
receiving a request to display the portion of the selected item; and
displaying the selected portion and the notation on a display included with the portable page turning device.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
adjusting the lighting of the display based on input from a user.

10. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
automatically adjusting the lighting of the display based on the physical location
of the portable page turning device.

11. A system for retrieving, storing, and displaying sheet music, comprising:
a unit for providing one or more stored images representing sheet music; and
a portable unit for retrieving the one or more stored images, displaying the one or
more stored images in a display, adjusting a lighting level of the display based on user
input; adjusting a rhythmic sound produced by a speaker based on user input, and
providing the user input using a foot controlled page turner.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the unit is a computer comprising:
a receiver for receiving the one or more images over a network,
a storage for storing the received one or more images,
an indexer for creating one or more indexes in selected portions of the one
or more images based on user input,
a notation component for creating one or more notations in other selected
portions of the one or more images based on user input, and
a distribution component for distributing the stored one or more images
from the storage to the portable unit.

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13. The system of claim 11, wherein the unit is a server remotely located from the portable unit.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein the receiver receives the one or more images from a server remotely located from the computer and the portable unit.

15. The system of claim 11, wherein the portable computer is configured to adjust the lighting level of the display based on a lighting level selection.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the selection is provided by a user through a display control located on the portable computer.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein the selection is provided automatically by the portable computer.

18. The system of claim 11, wherein the foot controlled page turner includes a scrolling control that allows the user to scroll through the one or more displayed images.

19. A system for storing, retrieving and displaying sheet music, comprising:
means for accessing a Web server to select an item of sheet music stored in electronic form;

means for providing a payment identifier of a user;

means for downloading a file containing the selected item into a storage of a portable page turning device configured to display images representing the stored sheet music under varying lighting conditions and in response to signals from a page turner with a foot control configured to permit a user to scroll through the images; and

means for charging a payment for the selected item from an account corresponding to the payment identifier.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein the Web server is accessed by a intermediate computer and the step of downloading comprises:

means for downloading the file from the intermediate computer to the portable page turner device.

21. The system of claim 19, further comprising:

means for creating an index associated with the selected item; and

means for directly accessing a portion of the selected item based on the index.

22. The system of claim 19, further comprising:

means for creating a notation associated with a portion of the selected item;

means for receiving a request to display the portion of the selected item; and

means for displaying the selected portion and the notation on a display included with the portable page turning device.

23. The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for adjusting the lighting of the display based on input from a user.

24. The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for automatically adjusting the lighting of the display based on the physical location of the portable page turning device.

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